

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the plurality of functions includes at least one of a time display, a date display, a calendar display, a timer display, a timer start, a timer stop, a timer reset, a stop watch display, a stop watch start, a stop watch stop, a stop watch reset, a lap time display, an alarm, a face illumination, or a directional lighting.

3. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the device includes at least one of a timekeeping device, a communications device, a wireless communication device, an electronic organizer, an environmental monitor, a multimedia device, a physiological monitor, a remote control, a Global Positioning System ("GPS") device, a digital camera, a digital audio recorder, or a radio.

4. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the device includes at least one of a watch, a pager, a personal digital assistant, or an audio player.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the one or more inputs includes three buttons.

7. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the device is secured to a wrist of the user with the device strap.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the device strap is a watch band formed from at least one of rubber, plastic, hook and loop fasteners, a flex-band, leather, or webbing.

9-11 (canceled)

12. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the inputs control a plurality of states of the device, and a plurality of parameters within at least one of the plurality of states.

13-14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:

a device adapted to be secured to a limb of a user with a device strap, the device having a plurality of functions; and

one or more inputs disposed upon an input substrate and in communication with the device to control the plurality of device functions, said device strap being separate from said input substrate, the one or more inputs positioned on the input substrate so as to be operable by one or more digits of a hand of the user associated with the limb of the user when the input substrate is in an extended position, and positioned so as to be inoperable by the digits of the hand of the user associated with the limb of the user when the input substrate is in a retracted position;

wherein the input substrate is a retractable band having the retracted position in which the retractable band is disposed over a wrist strap that secures the device to a wrist of the user.

16. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the ~~strap of the input substrate~~ retractable input band ~~is a band comprising~~ comprises at least one of rubber, plastic, hook and loop fasteners, a flex-band, leather, or webbing.

17. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the ~~device comprises a watch~~ is adapted to at least one of running, hiking, bicycling, sailing, swimming, or scuba diving.

18. (previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a watch;

a watch band coupled to the watch that secures the watch to a wrist of a user;

a retractable input band in communication with at least one of the watch band and the watch, said input band being separate from the watch band, the retractable input band having a retracted position in which the retractable band covers the watch band and an extended position in which the retractable band passes between a thumb and an index finger of a user to support the retractable input band in the extended position; and

one or more inputs disposed on the retractable input band and arranged so that the user may operate the one or more inputs to control operation of the watch when the retractable input band is in the extended position.

19-24. (canceled)